

CLARA PHILLIPS, HAMMER SLAYER, WHO HAS ESCAPED FROM JAIL AFTER SAWING BARS TO WINDOW



NEWBERN ARREST MADE

Claim Second Fire Was Set in Negro Quarter While Firemen Fought First.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 5.—The direct charge that last Friday's fire, which wiped out an area of forty blocks in this town, was caused by an incendiary, was made here today by police who said they are drawing close to a man they believe responsible.

They expressed the opinion that this man fired a negro house while firemen were fighting flames in another section, giving the fire time to spread to other buildings.

One Under Arrest.

Ernest Gibbs, a negro, already is under arrest and charged with incendiaryism. He is charged by police with having set fire to the Roper mills, which blaze preceded that in the negro quarter.

He was taken into custody on evidence procured by insurance commissioners of the State and Fire Chief Bryan, of Newbern.

Chief Bryan unhesitatingly declared today that he expected shortly to fasten the blame for the fire in the negro quarter, but declined to mention any names.

Hope For Aid.

All of the committee are working with great activity, but under the most severe handicaps.

Hope was expressed today that response will be made immediately to Mayor Clark's call for assistance issued yesterday.

Fire-Swept Newbern Asks Aid For Those Homeless By Flames

By International News Service.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 5.—Answering personally the appeal of fire-swept Newbern for aid, Governor Morrison left here early today for the little railway town that was practically laid in waste Friday by the most disastrous fire in the history of North Carolina.

Governor Morrison departed following a long distance telephone conversation with Adjutant General Metts at Newbern shortly after midnight. The State guard commander informed the governor that relief measures are pitifully inadequate.

Adjutant General Metts reported that a thousand homes are in ashes and that about three thousand persons have no place to live.

The situation, he said, is very bad.

Governor Morrison, before departing, caused an appeal to the people of North Carolina to go to the aid of the stricken town. City officials here are behind a campaign to raise funds and clothing to be sent to Newbern.

DE PALMA GOES TO JAIL TO SERVE TEN-DAY TERM

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 5.—Ralph de Palma, automobile racer, surrendered to the sheriff at Madera, Cal., and has begun serving a ten day sentence for possession of a ten dollar bill.

He carried two suitcases containing clothing and personal effects when he entered the jail. De Palma had received a stay of sentence until after his last race of the year.

PRICE OF HARD COAL IS RAISED 25 CENTS A TON

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 5.—Retailers today announce that the Federal Coal Company has advanced the price of egg, chestnut, and stove coal from \$11 to \$11.25 a ton, effective at once.

They claim this is due to the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court affirming the constitutionality of the anthracite tax.

THE WEATHER

Fair and much colder tonight; Wednesday fair and colder; moderate to fresh northwest winds.

Pajama Jackets Get New Lease on Life

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—No longer need your sleep be troubled by fear that your pajama-trousers will wear out before the coat, and thus make you buy an entire new suit. The kind makers of pajamas today are marketing the sleeping garments on the "two pants pajama" plan, just as tailors do with suits. Only the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, which used to receive all the pajama jackets—almost new—of the suits of which the trousers were the weakest link, will fail to rejoice over the latest boon to men.

STAGE STARS IN SCANDAL ARE DROPPED BY PRODUCER

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—"Orange Blossoms," the musical comedy in which Pat Somerset, English actor, and Edith Day are starring, will go to Boston next week without the two.

Somerset, against whom Carl Carleton, husband of Edith Day, initiated deportation proceedings, only to drop them when he found that Somerset was the father of Miss Day's baby, says that he and Miss Day decided to leave the show. He denied the rumors about the management dropped the two stars because it claimed the linking of their names caused business to slump woefully.

OFFERS SOFT GOLF BALL TO SHOOT AT REGULARS

Congressman Adam M. Wyant of Pennsylvania, who on Saturday, by a misdirected golf ball, laid low Congressman Longworth, yesterday received the following telegram from a golf supply manufacturer:

"Am having a quantity of soft rubber golf balls made up for your special and individual benefit. Please use these on the Regulars and save your hard ones for the Radicals."

KU KLUX KLAN GIVES CASH TO CHILDREN'S AID

PROSBURG, Md., Dec. 5.—Six robed and masked members of the Ku Klux Klan entered the Somerset United Brethren Church to the surprise of the congregation while services were in progress and handed a small package to the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Hesse.

POINCARE' HAS PROGRAM FOR BRUSSELS SESSIONS

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Premier Poincaré's program for the Brussels economic conference will oppose an indemnity moratorium for Germany unless France is given further guarantees by the Germans. It was revealed this afternoon. The cabinet, in formal session approved the Poincaré program.

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CLARA PHILLIPS SAWS HER WAY OUT OF JAIL

Clemenceau Confers With Harding

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Clara Phillips, Convicted as "Hammer" Slayer, Makes Sensational Escape.

By International News Service.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of the "Hammer murder" of Mrs. Alberta Meadows, escaped from the county jail here early today.

How she managed to get out of her cell could not be ascertained in the first hurried investigation.

From her cell she went to a window and, with help from the outside, sawed through several of the steel bars, making a hole large enough for her to crawl through.

Goes Down Fire Escape.

Dashing over the roofs of adjoining buildings with the persons who aided her, she evidently climbed down a fire escape to the street and fled in an automobile.

Astounded by the audacity of the escape, Sheriff Traeger ordered every possible officer to take up the search for the missing murderer.

She escaped with assistance from the outside, it is believed.

Jail matrons discovered her missing about 2 o'clock this morning.

Complained of Illness.

Mrs. Phillips retired to her cell early last night. She complained of being ill and asked to be left alone.

Her escape was one of the most daring and cleverly executed in the history of the jail. She was gone with probably an hour's start before it was discovered she had broken out.

Clara Phillips' Jail Break, Proves Her "Tiger," Officials Say

International News Service.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5.—Clara Phillips, who gained for herself the sobriquet of "Tiger woman" by her conduct, has been an enigma to her jailers, attorneys and the public ever since her arrest in Arizona two days following the hammer slaying of Alberta Meadows.

Her imperturbable calm broke on one occasion which was in open court when she called her principal accuser and former chum and confidante, Peggy Caffee, a liar, as Miss Caffee testified against her.

Various observers have called it a sham, a relic of her chorus girl days. Others have attempted to describe her as but an emotional shell, the calm of a mask to cover the emptiness of her soul within.

But her latest escapade serves to fix more firmly upon her the name of "Tiger woman."

The daring execution of her jail break, the careful planning call it must have called for, and the personal risk attached, all go to show the seething volcano of action which was covered up by her unbroken calm during her long period of imprisonment before trial.

She faced a term of ten years to life in San Quentin penitentiary for her crime. Her attorney had secured for her a stay of execution pending a battle for a new trial.

Long Run Is Promised For "Honey Girl" At Sing Sing

By Universal Service.

OSSING, N. Y., Dec. 5.—No. 137,659, the third one from the end, kicked laboriously and Warden Lawes didn't like it. "Snap into it," said the ward.

And number something or other, and other numbers something or other did, preferring the life of Terpsichore to that of the stone pile.

Which is apropos of the fact that Sing Sing prisoners, costumed as chorus girls with all the rouge, powder and artificial beauty of a Broadway production, relied on the prison stage last night in "Honey Girl."

The show last night was for prisoners only.

Tonight the theater-going public will be admitted.

"Honey Girl" has a plot wherein it differs from usual Broadway productions and probably will have a long run, providing the terms of some of the star performers do not run out.

TURK DEMANDS DEADLOCK PARLEY

Tchitcherin Suggests Three Solutions of Straits Problem. Favors Washington Meeting.

By JOHN HADLEY.

International News Service.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 5.—Negotiations over the future status of the Turkish Straits were in absolute deadlock today with the Russians and Turks standing pat. There was no indication when the deadlock would be broken.

Georges Tchitcherin, people's commissar for foreign affairs in the Soviet government and head of the Russian delegation who brought about the impasse, in an exclusive interview with International News Service said that Russia would welcome a new Washington conference for general navy disarmament. He denied that Soviet Russia seeks to dominate the Dardanelles and Bosphorus.

"There are three solutions of the problem centering around the Turkish Straits," said Tchitcherin. "I outline them as follows:

"First—Russian domination, which we do not want.

"Second—Control of the Straits by an international commission which would leave them at the mercy of the strongest naval power.

"Third—Restoration of the waterways to Turkey, the rightful owner, with the privilege of fortifying them and closing them to all warships except Turkish. However, Russia wishes them to be open to the merchant commerce of all the world.

"Russia has suffered enough from invasions while the Straits were open to warships. First, there was the Deniken invasion, and then that of Wrangel.

"Russia and Turkish interests are identical regarding the Straits.

"Paper guarantees are worthless. If Turkey, as a sovereign power, fortified the Straits, she can open the Dardanelles if she needs the west against the east, or she can open the Bosphorus if she needs the east against the west. This regime worked satisfactorily for a century.

"Lord Curzon said on Monday morning that I represented Turkey as well as the Russian republics. I say that I also represent England, as the oldest pre-war policy of the British was to keep the Straits closed to warships.

P.O. CLERKS PAID TOO LITTLE

John H. Bartlett Says U. S. Gives Advantage to Field Workers.

By International News Service.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 5.—The postal business of the Government is "literally standing on its head" because of the disparity of salaries and wages which now exist in favor of the field workers as against the Department employees, First Assistant Postmaster General John H. Bartlett declared in an address here today.

Inverts Business Rule.

Speaking before the conference-convention of postal employees of Virginia, Bartlett said the well-established rule of successful business is "inverted" in the government's vast postal establishment.

"Every business man," he said, "will readily concede as a fundamental principle of a large business organization that the so-called home office of that business, where the directing brains are located for the entire activity, should be manned and officered by the best and most skillful of the personnel, and it may equally well be assumed as an axiom that the highest paid are generally the best."

In other words, referring to our own postal business, the salaries and wages of the 330,000 employees should be so scaled that there will be a line of natural promotion from the field to the Department. There should unquestionably be at all times a salary inducement attracting the best in the field service to the Department service.

Clerks Begin at \$720.

"As it now exists by law this well-established rule of successful business is inverted. In the department, clerks, for instance, are started at a salary as low as \$720 a year, while in our postoffice scattered over this country under the law they cannot be employed at less than \$1,400 a year, and that initial salary is followed up by an automatic statutory raise of \$100 per year, until \$1,800 is reached.

Men of ordinary ability with families to support are now doing clerical and general work in the department for \$720 a year, Bartlett declared. This low salary, he said, they sometimes receive for several years before receiving a promotion.

Hampered By Living Cost.

"And all this, too, in Washington, where the cost of living is double that in many places in the field where a beginner starts with a \$1,400 salary," he continued.

"Again, the chief inspector, who must reside in Washington, receives \$200 less a year than many of his subordinates in the field. The chief clerks in the department, who are acting Assistant Postmasters General in the absence of their chiefs, receive the small salary of \$2,500 a year. There are ten postmasters in the country who receive \$5,000 a year, and sixty-six postmasters who receive \$6,000 a year, and five postmasters who receive \$8,000 a year."

Other field officers receive the same relative consideration as compared with the department, Bartlett added.

Talks of Railway Mail.

The convention also was addressed by Second Assistant Postmaster General Paul Henderson, who outlined the operations of the railway mail service and painted a graphic word-picture of the stupendous operations and cost of this service.

KAISER'S BRIDE TAKES A WALK AT DOORN



A recent photograph of Mrs. William Hohenzollern, the former Princess Hermine, with her daughter, Princess Henrietta, photographed while they were walking along the country roads at Doorn. This is one of the few pictures made of the bride since the wedding a month ago.

MRS. OBENCHAIN SMILED HER WAY OUT OF JAIL

By WILLIAM PARKER.

Cosmopolitan News Service.

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Madalynne Obenchain once smiled her way to freedom from the Los Angeles county jail while she was awaiting trial charged with the murder of her former suitor, J. Belton Kennedy.

After sixteen months in jail and tried twice for the killing of Kennedy, Mrs. Obenchain was free today through the dismissal of the murder charge against her, and made the startling confession of her walk to liberty, in an exclusive interview granted the Cosmopolitan News Service.

Her Plans Indefinite.

Her recital of this remarkable incident, together with other intimate and interesting episodes in her dramatic life, enables The Washington Times today to publish for the first time anywhere the initial installment of Madalynne Obenchain's experience.

With the Mexican border a sparse four hours' fast automobile ride from Los Angeles, Mrs. Obenchain says she was away from the jail for a period of forty-five minutes.

Mrs. Obenchain frankly admits that her plans are indefinite. It is

JAUNTILY DEPARTS AFTER TALK

Visits Forty Minutes With President, But Gives No Hint of Subject.

By HARRY L. ROGERS.

International News Service.

Georges Clemenceau spent forty minutes with President Harding today on his first visit to the White House.

What they talked about during the nearly three-quarters of an hour The Tiger was cloistered with Mr. Harding in his office was not revealed, but the versatile Frenchman was his usual jaunty self as he emerged from the conference.

On Hand Early.

The Tiger's appointment with Mr. Harding was for 10 o'clock. He was five minutes early. Promptly at 9:55 he pressed himself at the Executive offices, accompanied by Ambassador Jusserand, and he was ushered immediately into the President's office. M. Jusserand was present during the nearly three-quarters of an hour that The Tiger and the President were together.

A small crowd of admirers clustered outside the Executive offices and waited patiently for M. Clemenceau to come out. They applauded vigorously when he emerged, and the aged Frenchman gave them a wave of his hand as he clambered into his car for a visit to the Lincoln Memorial.

Wilson Visit Tomorrow.

Previous plans that had been made for him to call on former President Wilson on his first day in Washington were abandoned at noon, and it was arranged that he should go to the former President's quiet home in 8 street late tomorrow afternoon.

The meeting of the two war-time leaders will doubtless prove highly interesting. In view of the "Tiger's" frequent declarations that he doesn't believe the League of Nations practical for the present needs of Europe, and in view of Mr. Wilson's public suggestion that France is militaristic, there can scarcely fail to be pertinent exchanges.

Speculate On Senate.

Another subject of speculation here today was whether "The Tiger" will visit the Senate. Senator Curtis of Kansas, chairman of the Rules Committee, says Clemenceau will be received if application is made for him to visit the upper chamber. Such applications, Curtis said, are normally made to the Vice President.

Sensors expressed the opinion that there would be little or no objection, even by Senators B. A. H. and Hitchcock, with whom "The Tiger" has come to verbal blows during his short sojourn in the United States. These two Senators, it was indicated, however, might go to the extent of absenting themselves during any visit the former premier might make.

May Meet Hughes.

At any rate, it is certain Clemenceau will see a goodly number of official notables.

Another opportunity for meeting prominent Washingtonians will be given M. Clemenceau at the home of former Ambassador White, whose guest he will be. Colonel House stated today that provision is being

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